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SUBJECT: VIST OF DR. N. BRUCE HANNAY, FOREIGN SECRETARY, NATIONAL  
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, TO JAPAN

DEPT. PASS TO NAE, MR. HUGH MILLER

1. SUMMARY. DR. N. BRUCE HANNAY SPENT BUSY WEEK IN TOKYO  
3/8 - 3/12, DESCRIBING THE ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING TO WIDE RANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL  
GROUPS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND THE PRESS. IN ADDITION, HE  
VISITED LABORATORIES OF AIST/MITI AND NTT IN HIS CAPACITY AS  
VICE PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND PATENTS, BELL LABORATORIES.  
EMBASSY PARTICIPATED IN HIS VISIT BY ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ACCOMPANYING HIM ON MANY OF HIS CALLS,  
AND HOSTING A HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE IN  
HIS HONOR. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. HANNAY LECTURED ON NAE FUNCTIONS AT A LUNCHEON OF THE  
JAPAN TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (AN INFORMAL ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR  
GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS WHICH SOMETIMES ACTS IN  
ADVISORY CAPACITY TO GOJ), AND AT MEETING OF JAPAN  
TECHNO-ECONOMIC SOCIETY. HE HELD PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS  
WITH FOLLOWING OFFICIALS:

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A. TAKETOSHI IMAMURA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
BUREAU OF SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

B. MASAO KUBOTA, PRESIDENT  
AGENCY FOR INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

C. TAKASHI INOUE, ENGINEER-GENERAL  
MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION

D. MASAO YOSHIKI, MEMBER PRIME MINISTER'S COUNCIL FOR S&T;  
HIROYUKI OSAWA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, PLANNING BUREAU  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

E. TAKESHI MAJIMA, COUNSELOR, MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

F. YOSHIO SANO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS;  
MITSUGU IJIMA, COUNSELOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS;  
TETSURO TOMITA, COUNSELOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

3. IN ADDITION TO INCREASING UNDERSTANDING OF JAPANESE  
OF ROLE OF NAS AND NAE IN PROVIDING ADVICE TO USG AND  
HONORING ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUTSTANDING U.S. SCIENTISTS AND  
ENGINEERS, HANNAY WAS ABLE TO LEARN IN CONSIDERABLE DEPTH  
ABOUT METHODS USED BY GOJ TO OBTAIN TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR  
POLICY MAKING. HE FOUND THAT, IN GENERAL, EACH GOVERN-  
MENT AGENCY RELIED ON ITS INTERNAL TECHNICAL STAFF AND  
ITS CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH RELEVANT INDUSTRY FOR SUCH  
ADVICE, THAT PRIME MINISTER'S COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY WAS MAJOR S & T POLICY MAKER AND ADVISOR,  
AND THAT JAPAN SCIENCE COUNCIL HAD BEEN RELEGATED TO AN  
INFERIOR STATUS BECAUSE OF ITS DOMINATION BY LEFT-WING  
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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS. HE ALSO FOUND THAT ALTHOUGH  
JAPAN ACADEMY PROVIDES VENUE FOR HONORING SCIENTISTS  
AND ENGINEERS, IT IS RELATIVELY SMALL AND INCLUDES VERY  
FEW ENGINEERS. THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE MUCH INTEREST  
ON PART OF GOV'T. OFFICIALS TO CREATE PRIVATE TECHNICAL  
ADVISORY OF HONORIFIC BODY IN JAPAN, ALTHOUGH THEY DID  
NOT COMPLETELY DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY IN FUTURE YEARS.

4. AN INTERESTING SIDE COMMENTARY THAT DEVELOPED WAS  
THAT MOST GOJ TECHNICAL AGENCIES VISITED WERE CRITICAL  
OF PERFORMANCE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY IN ITS  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING LATERAL COORDINATION WITHIN  
GOJ.

5. AT CONCLUDING FUNCTION OF DR. HANNAY'S STAY IN  
TOKYO--RECEPTION HOSTED BY CHARGE T.P. SHOESMITH--LIVELY  
DISCUSSION ENSUED ON POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ENTITY  
SOMETHING LIKE NAE IN JAPAN. SEVERAL PRINCIPALS, INCLUDING  
DR. FUSAO MORI, MANAGER, LSI DEVELOPMENT LAB.,

MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC, AND PROF. TAKASHI MUKAIBO,  
PRESIDENT-ELECT OF TOKYO U. AGREED TO STUDY MATTER  
INTENSIVELY WITH HANNAY'S ASSISTANCE. (DR. IBUKA IS  
ONLY JAPANESE WHO IS CURRENTLY A FOREIGN ASSOCIATE OF  
NAE.) THISHWAS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO RESERVATIONS  
EXPRESSED IN OTHER MEETINGS.  
SHOESMITH

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MR.HUGH MILLER.

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